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SUBJECT: MAURITANIA INVITED TO JOIN PROPOSED LIBYAN-TUNISIAN
UNION?

SUMMARY: SPANISH FORNMINISTRY BELIEVES MAURITANIA HAS BEEN INVITED
JOIN LIBYAN-TUNISIAN UNION ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK. NEITHER WE
NOR SPANISH EMBASSY HERE ABLE CONFIRM REPORT, BUT IF TRUE WE
BELIEVE GIRM WILL NOT RUSH TO JOIN UP. SPANISH, OF COURSE,
FEAR SUCH UNION WOULD STALEMATE THEIR STRATEGY OF PLAYING ONE
MAGHREB STATE OFF AGAINST ANOTHER TO PROTECT THEIR POSITION IN
SPANISH SAHARA. END SUMMARY.

1. SPANISH CHARGE YESTERDAY INFORMED POLOFF HE IN RECEIPT
URGENT CABLE FROM HIS FORNMINISTRY REPORTING GIRM INVITED JOIN
PROPOSED LIBYAN-TUNISIAN UNION. FORNMIN EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT
MAURITANIAN ADHERANCE TO UNION MIGHT SIGNAL BEGINNING INCREASED
MAGHREB POLITICAL COOPERATION PRODUCING POSSIBLE COORDINATED
POLITICAL OPPOSITION TO CONTINUED SPANISH CONTROL IN SAHARA.

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CABLE RECEIVED EVENING JAN 13, AND CHARGE SPENT MOST OF FOLLOWING

DAY IN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT VERIFY REPORT.

2. COMMENTS: IF INVITATION TO UNION HAS INDEED BEEN MADE, GIRM WILL THINK LONG AND HARD BEFORE ACCEPTING IT. ATTITUDES TOWARD LIBYA IN GIRM TOP LEADERSHIP ARE AT BEST AMBIVALENT, PARTICULARLY AS CONCERNS THE MERCURIAL QUADHAFI. MOREOVER, GIRM WILL WANT TO PLUMB ALGERIAN REACTIONS TO THE PROPOSED UNION. (IT WAS ALGERIA THAT SPONSORED MAURITANIA'S RECENT ADMISSION TO THE ARAB LEAGUE AND MAGHREB COUNCILS.) THERE NO INDICATION QUESTION OF UNION DISCUSSED DURING DECEMBER 19-21 VISIT TO NOUAKCHOTT OF TUNISIAN PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA.

3. GIRM REACTION TO THE PROPOSED LIBYAN-TUNISIAN UNION SO FAR NONCOMMITAL. THE PRESIDENT, FOREIGN MINISTER, TOP GOVERNMENT AND PARTY LEADERS HAVE BEEN OUT OF TOWN TRAVELING WITH VISITING GABON PRESIDENT BONGO. COVERAGE OF LIBYAN-TUNISIAN UNION IN PRESS LIMITED TO QUOTING ALGERIAN (COOL) AND TUNISIAN (NATURALLY FAVORABLE) MEDIA REPORTS. THERE WILL BE NO DELINIATION OF OFFICIAL GIRM ATTITUDE TOWARD UNION UNTIL AFTER PRESS RELEASE FORNMIN RETURN TO THE CAPITAL TODAY.
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